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**Topic**

Other

**Comment**

Green Mountain Care Boardmembers,

I'm writing today with request that you approve the initiative to include hearing aids and hearing healthcare services in the federal application to update VT essential health benefit benchmark plans.

In my work as an audiologist I witness many Vermonters who experience challenges accessing hearing aids and hearing loss services due to noncovered benefits through their health insurance plans. The recent actuarial analysis indicates that this inclusion will have marginal impact to premiums.

This important change would improve the quality of life for many Vermonters.

thank you, Julie Porter (audiologist)

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